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PROGRAM FOR THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING of the ASSOCIATION OF HONORARY CONSULTANTS TO THE ARMY MEDICAL LIBRARY

Washington, D. C.
Friday, 21 October 1949

MORNING SESSION
Army Medical Library

8:30 a.m. Committee Meetings in Designated Rooms

10:00 a.m. Business Session in Library Hall

Greetings	Major General Raymond W. Bliss Surgeon General, U. S. Army
Presidential Remarks	Dr. Chauncey D. Leake
Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Colonel Joseph H. McNinch
Report of the Treasurer	Colonel Harold W. Jones
Reports of Committees	
Report of the Director	Colonel Joseph H. McNinch

11:30 a.m. A Comprehensive Medico-Historical Library
Dr. William J. Wilson

12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON The Officers' Club
The Army Medical Center

Printing cost borne by Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library.

AFTERNOON SESSION
Sternberg Auditorium
The Army Medical Center

1:30 p.m. Symposium on the Role of the Army Medical Library in the Bibliographic Control of Medical and Dental Literature

Review of the Problem — Colonel Joseph H. McNinch

The Interim Coordinating Committee on Medical and Biological Abstracting and Indexing, UNESCO — Professor Eileen R. Cunningham

The Surgeon General's Committee on Medical Indexing — Dr. Ebbe C. Hoff

The Johns Hopkins University Research Project — Dr. Sanford V. Larkey

Discussion

3:00 p.m. Thomas Windsor, Benefactor of the Army Medical Library — Dr. Dorothy M. Schullian

3:20 p.m. Election of Officers

3:25 p.m. The Army Medical Library - Problems, Plans and Possibilities — Major Frank B. Rogers

EVENING SESSION
The Officers' Club
The Army Medical Center

7:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:30 p.m. Dinner (dress optional)

NOMINATIONS

The following nominations have been presented by the Nominating Committee, Honorary Consultants Association:

To succeed Dr. George F. Lull for a four-year term on the Executive Committee: Raymond B. Allen, M. D., President, University of Washington.

To be Secretary for the remaining two years of Colonel McNinch's term: Major Frank B. Rogers, M. C.

CURRENT LIST INDEXES

Indexing has been completed on all issues of the Current List of Medical Literature from June 1948 to September 1949. Three of these indexes are still in process of preparation for publication; another is being published. To Miss Mary Louise Marshall and her staff our thanks are due for the indexing of the June 1948 issues. The indexing of the May 1948 issues, being done outside the Library, has not yet been completed.

This has been a project of the Catalog Division of the Library, under the direction of its Chief, Miss M. Ruth MacDonald, undertaken following the Director's pledge at the Medical Library Association's annual meeting in Galveston, Texas, last April. Its success has been made possible through the outstanding efforts and cooperation of the Army Medical Library staff. The Acquisition and Reference Divisions released personnel to assist with the indexing. The Subject Cataloging Section provided supervisory and indexing assistance and the Descriptive Cataloging Section released Miss Anita E. Weige to serve as Acting Head of the Current List Section from 4 May to 8 July 1949. The descriptive catalogers also assumed a part of the subject catalogers' work during this period.

To all personnel of the participating divisions credit is due because the regular work had to be carried on with a reduced staff.

The Current List Section deserves special mention because of the manner of performance of the day-to-day work of publication and the indexing of current issues.

DEATHS OF HONORARY CONSULTANTS

Dr. Irvin Abell, former President of the American Medical Association, died 28 August 1949 while on a fishing trip in Canada. Dr. Abell served in World War I as Commanding Officer of Base hospital No. 59. He was a surgeon of note and at the time of his death was Chairman of the Committee on Inter-American Relations for the forthcoming Inter-American Congress of Surgery.

Mr. Frank R. Walker died at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, on 9 July 1949. Mr. Walker was a member of the American Federation of Arts and was well known throughout the country in architectural circles. He was a Fellow of the American Institute of Architecture and Past President of its Cleveland Chapter.

INDEXING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The sixth meeting of the Surgeon General's Committee of Consultants to Study Medical Indexing will be held on Thursday, 20 October 1949, at 10 a.m., at the Welch Medical Library in Baltimore. Dr. Sanford V. Larkey will report on the progress of the Johns Hopkins University Research Project.

Two additional members of this Committee have been appointed: Dr. Basil G. Bibby, of the Eastman Dental Dispensary, and Mr. Verner W. Clapp, Chief Assistant Librarian of Congress.

UNIT HISTORIES

The Library is attempting to collect official and unofficial histories of medical units in the second World War. Frequently these works were in the nature of memorial or souvenir volumes written and edited by the men of the unit, printed by a local printer in Germany, France, the Philippines, or wherever the unit found itself at the close of the war, and financed from the unit mess fund. Generally they were distributed only within the unit. Because of these unusual circumstances of publication, they are most elusive books. However, they are important historical records of the Medical Department and copies should be in the Army Medical Library where they will be cataloged and preserved for the benefit of all who may be interested now or in the future.

Any information about such histories which our readers can supply, or better yet the books themselves, will be most welcome.

STAFF NOTE

Miss Jane Gibbs, of the History of Medicine Division, has been elected to the Presidency of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the Alumni Association of the Western Reserve University School of Library Science.

EXHIBIT

An exhibit of stamps issued in honor of medicine is currently on display, a part of the collection of the Army Medical Museum.

Until comparatively recent times stamps of medical and scientific interest were few but within the last twenty years they have been issued in large numbers. It is now possible to provide philatelic material for nearly all the great landmarks in the history of medicine.

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